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SUBJ: EC-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS -- HAFERKAMP VISIT TO
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1. ONE OF EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN DG-I (EXTERNAL RELATIONS) WHO WILL ACCOMPANY COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP TO BELGRADE, TOLD MISSION JUNE 20 THAT HAFERKAMP TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA TO TAKE SOUNDINGS MENTIONED IN REF A IS SET FOR JUNE 22-23. AFTER ARRIVING BELGRADE LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 22, COMMISSION DELEGATION WILL HAVE INFORMAL DINNER WITH YUGOSLAV COUNTERPARTS. FORMAL DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE JUNE 23.
2. COMMISSION OFFICIAL RECONFIRMED THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF HAFERKAMP'S VISIT IS TO PROBE YUGOSLAVS ON TYPE OF AGREEMENT THEY WANT WITH THE EC. THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT WHILE COMMISSION STILL BELIEVES THERE ARE OPPOSING FORCES ON THIS ISSUE IN BELGRADE, WORD REACHING THE COMMISSION IN RECENT DAYS SUGGESTS BELGRADE DOES NOT WANT PREFERENTIAL OR OTHER SUCH "ADVANCED" AGREEMENT WITH THE EC FOR
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FEAR IT WOULD COMPROMISE YUGOSLAV NON-ALIGNMENT. COMMISSION OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT IF YUGOSLAVS TELL HAFERKAMP THEY DO NOT WANT AGREEMENT THAT LIES SOMEWHERE ALONG PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT-ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPECTRUM, COMMISSION WILL ARGUE THAT ALTERNATIVE IS TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT COMMUNITY NEGOTIATING MANDATE. HE THOUGHT MEMBER STATES ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO IMPROVED

FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL PROVISIONS.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIAL CONSIDERS IT POSSIBLE THAT
HAFERKAMP WILL INFORMALLY BRIEF EC COUNCIL AT ITS JUNE 26-
27 MEETING ON HIS SOUNDINGS IN BELGRADE, BUT SAID COM-
MISSION PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN ITS NEGOTIATING MANDATE
WILL GO TO THE COUNCIL SOMETIME IN JULY, WITH FORMAL
EXAMINATION BY THE COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 25
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